TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 16, 1872.

Communication.

ED. REPUBLICAN:-The report of the Superintendent of Common Schools superintendents and other expenses; A SUBSCRIBER.

[Our cor.espondent should also give the School Department credit for \$3,-386.263,51 which was expended for the will acknowledge was as important an item as the teaching itself, for the comtort and health of both children and But we must confess that we are at a loss to account for the large balance (\$1,265,124.94) of which \$1,167,124. 94 is set down for contingencies; since giving each of the 81 Superintendants | Clarion Democrat : \$2,000 each, (and they don't get it) amount .- Eb.]

At the Republican National Convenas it has Senators and representatives iu congress, and each organized tershall be entitled to vote. This will give fifty-two members. In calling the Convention of 1868 was held, and remind the country that all the promises made by that Convention have been faithfully observed, and to a considerable extent fulfilled, and that the Republican party confidently appeals to the people for continued support and countenance on the basis of its past record. The coming Convention will be, in country.

Woman Suffrage in Pennsylvania.

In the Philadelphia Court of Nisi Prius, Judge Sharswood delivered his opinion in the suit of Mrs. Burnham against the election officers of her preeinct for refusing her vote at the gen-eral election of last October. The plaintiff claimed that she was duly qualified in all respects according to the constitution and laws of Pennsylvania, while the defense held that she was not a freeman in the sense in which that word is used in the Constitution. Judge Sharswood ruled that while the provisious of the ninth article of that instrument, commonly called the Declaration of Rights, extended to and in clude both sexes, and that when the words "man" or "men are therein used they comprehend also women, and while it is equally clear that a woman who is born in this country or naturalized, as she may be under the acts of be permanent. Gongress, is a citizen as fully entitled to the protection of the government as all the privileges which properly bethe elective franchise is one of their priv.leges. That is exclusively regulated by the Constitution, which has excluded many citizens from it by reason The origin of the fire is not known. of age, non-payment of taxes, non-residence within the commonwealth and the election district for a certain period of time. Neither had the amendments to the Constitution of the United States any bearing on the question, of race, color or previous condition of whither the word "freemin," as emplayed in the Constitution of Pennsyland precedents bearing on the subject, the Judge said that the uniform constructions of the provincial charters and constitutions in which the word was employed as well as under the vote, and that Pennsylvania had a uniform and uninterrupted usage of nearsess the elective franchise. Judgment was therefore rendered for the defend 21118.

Fire and Fatal Explosion.

At Foster Station, on the A. V. Railroad, on Saturday last at about one o'clock a spark from a passing locomotive set fire to seven cars which had just been filled with oil for Thomas King, of this city, from Prentice, Angell & Co.'s tanks. About the time the fire broke out the upward bound express train was at Scrubgrass, and the Conductor was there notified by

ed for Foster and three miles from the township, with all its contents, was seene of the disaster the passenger consumed by fire. The loss was not coaches were switched off and the Envery heavy, but will be seriously felt gineer, Conductor, and two or three by the family at this season of the others, neared the conflagration with year, as they are in very moder te cir-the locomotive, stopping about half a cumstances. The neighbors are kindthe locometive, stopping about half a cumstances. The neighbors are kind-mile below. J. Thomas Bennett, the ly aiding them, in their efforts to reengineer, Conductor Kerr, W. J. Brun-build their house. dred, of Oil City, and the rest of the party that came up on the locomotive, started on foot toward the fire, all stopping at the point of a curve about in this State for 1871, reports that there . 200 feet from the burning cars, except are 15,700 schools attended by 834,614 Mr. Bennett, who continued his appupils, and supported at a cost of \$8. 580,918.33 of which but \$3,926,529.88 Just at this time and without any is paid for the salaries of teachers, warning, except a slight rocking to Laving \$4,654,388.45 to pay county and fro in its place on the car, one of the iron tanks exploded and was hurlso that of something over ten dollars ed through the air a distance of about 400 feet, killing Mr. Bennett instantly expended for each pupil in the schools and severely burning Mr. Kerr and we get less than half back in teaching. Mr. Brundred by scattering the burning oil in its course. Mr. Bennett's body was found literally torn to pieces about 120 feet below where he had stood. He was struck so focibly and 386,263,51 which was expended for the and suddenly by the flying tank that building and repairing of school houses be was actually lifted out of his boots, during the year, which we are sure he which were found uninjured a short distance from where he had stood. The remainder of the party scaped death by running under cover of the curve of the road which was out of teachers, are matters of as much impor- road which was out of the line of the tance as the education of our youths. track on which the burning cars stood. Mr. Bennett was a young man, and considered one of the most reliable engineers on the road .- Spectator.

-We take the following from the

A large new furnace, for manufacwould only take \$162,000 of this large turing iron, with bituminous coal, is now being erected at Sligo. Also an establishment for making fire brick. The branch railroad to Sligo will oe built the coming season. A town has tion to be held in Philadelphia on the been laid out at that point. The en-5th of next June, each State is to be terprising proprietors are entitled to represented by twice as many delegates | credit for doing so much to develop the resources of our county, and we have no doubt they will be well rewarded.

It is the intention of the Literary ritory is to have two delegates, who Society connected with Carrier Seminary, to arrange for a course of leca total delegation of six hundred and tures during the winter and spring.

The object is that if there be a surplus vention the committee recite the events which have transpired since the Considered addition to the institution. A lecture committee has been appointed proved not to be of a dangerous by the society, and the first lecture will probably be given some time be-fore the close of the present term. The lecturer will be duly announced when the arrangements are made.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Clarion County Railroad, was held at Sligo, on the 8th inst., when the following Board of Directors was elected for the ensuing year, viz: Wm. Philgathering of its kind ever held in the country.

lips, Wm. M. Lyon, David McCiay, published at that place:
W. W. Barr, D. E. Lyon, B. M. Means and Wm. Richard, M. D. Col. J. P. just closed we have just Lyon was chosen President of the Board, and Capt. D. E. Lyon, Secretary and Treasurer. It is the intention of the company to commence building a narrow-gauge railroad early in the spring, from Lawsonham, on the Bennett's Branch of the A. V. R. R., to Sligo-the route having been located during the past autumn. A strong effort will then be made to extend the road to Clarion, and our citi zens should put it through without spirit without which, no town can

> -We clip the following items from the Erie Dispatch :

Spencer and all that was possible, was opportunities to build up Union City, done to relieve her, but such an injury and thus benefit themselves. on a p rson past middle age, is apt to

On Sunday evoning the barn of David Roberts, in Waterford township, a man, and with a right fully to enjoy about four miles northeast of Water ford borough, was burned, with all its contents, consisting of three head of fat cattle, twelve tons of hay, a quan of straw, a moning machine and large amount of farming implements.

Some time since, a man na ned O'Mara, was discharged from the employ of Ketcham & Bannister. He attributed his discharge to foreman Dougherty, in their employ, and on Friday evening went to see about it. since the right of the plaintiff to vote Dougherty was on top of a lumber was not denied or abridged on account pile 16 feet high, but, regardless of consequences the other pitched in, and servitude." The only question was, they had a rough and tumble fight up the rate of about fourteen feet per week. there. This was temporarily interrupted by the men falling in a clinch, vania, was intended to confine the elec- over the edge. Luckily for both they tive franchise to male citizens. After fell on the side on which there was auan exhaustive examinaton of the laws other lumber pile, though it was lew enough to allow them seven or eight feet of a fall. Neither had any bones broken, but before they could recover the accomplace of Turner: from the effects of the stunning shock, several other persons had got up there constitutions since the revolution, has and the fight was stopped. O., Saturbeen in accordance with the doctrine day a warrant was sworn out for that none but males have the right to O'Mara, but he got to hear of it and made himself very scarce when any of the blue conted gentry have in sight. ly two hundred years showing that On Saturday evening Reed got after women were never intended to pos- him, chased O'Mara down French street, around the freight house and between the lumber piles at Finn's yard, but the fugitive executed a flank movement by taking the ice for a tramping ground, and escaping.

-The following items are clipped

from the R fisman's Journal: We are glad to learn that our friend Capa J. E. Kratzer, who was seriously cut on the head by the falling a limb, while engaged in felling timber, several weeks ago, is able to go about again. He made a narrow escape from death.

telegraph of the fire. The train start the house of Mrs. Sumpatine, of Brady

At New Washington, on New Year's day, while a party of eight or ten men were engaged in shooting mark with revolvers, one of the party was accidentally shot, and several others very narrowiy escaped the same fate. It happened in this way: One of the revolvers would not go off readily. Mr. wells, 127,937 barrels; total shipment James Kelley, standing back a few of refined oil for the month, 42,038 steps, undertook to explain to a numof the party where to touch the trigger, when, in going so, the pistol was ber of wells producing, 3,775; num-accidentally discharged, the ball just ber of wells drilling, 374. accidentally discharged, the ball just grazing the abdomen of Dr. Ash Bennett, passing under the chins of two brothers named Thompson, slightly chafing the skin, and then entering the right temple of a young man named Francis Neff, passing upwards into the brain, where it longed. Young Neff lingered until Friday noon, when death ended his suff-rings. He was

-We take the following items from the Titusville Herald of yesterday :

A day or two since a most terrible nate man was engaged at work in Quinn's saw mill, in Rome township, when his foot slipped, and the teeth of the saw caught in the counter of his boot, throwing him a foot above the saw. He fell upon the saw, severed nearly in two, from his hip to the crown of his head, causing immediate death. The deceased leaves a wife and three chi.dren, dependent upon him for support, and who are left in entirely desitute circumstances,

A little son of Mr. Wm. Hahn was run over by a wagon on Franklin street, opposite the Fletcher block yesterday afternoon. Mr. Peter Hoffman and his wife who were in the wagon at the time did not discover the little fellow until be had fallen under the horses heels. He was conveyed to the Bush House, where Dr. Reno examined his wounds, which fortunately character. Policman Miller, mean-white, notified Mr. Hahn, who speedily appeared and carried his child home Dr. Barr subsequently dressed the wounds which consisted of a deep flesh wound on the forehend, and several bruises on the face.

-We clip the following item in regard to Union City, from the Times,

In reviewing the events of the year just closed we have just cause to be proud of the record of our town. Union City has never been in a more prosperous and promising condition than to-day. Our growth has been steady, rapid and healthy. New enterprises have sprung up among us and are prospering. Our business men are beginning to be awake to the importance of the position Union is to hold among her sister towns, and to manifest that enterprise and public permanently thrive, however great its natural advantages. Our future progress as a town is more certainly assured than at any previous part of our Mrs. McGuire, who resides with her history. It rests upon the business son-in-law near the foot of Holland men and capitalists to see to it that street, slipped on the ice near the house, we lose no ground this year that we Monday noon, breaking her right thigh have gained in the past, and to take bone. She was attended to by Dr. advantage of the constantly recurring

> -We take the following items from the Brookville Republican :

> William Lamb, sent to Dixmont Asylum at the last May term of Court, died at that institution on Monday last. We understand that his friends have sent for his body, which will be interred at Corsica,

> The new M. E. Church in Knox township, we are requested to state, will be dedicated on Sabbath, February 4th. A number of eminent divines are expected to be present, and a general invitation to attend is extended.

We understand that work on the tunnel south of town is progressing on the lower end having pierced the hill about 220 feet, and are progressing at The bridge at the upper end is up, and work commenced in carnest.

-In the proceedings of the District Court held at Erie, we find the following in regard to Victoria C. Jackson,

The District Attorney stated that Victoria Jackson, convicted at last term of being an accomplice with Joseph K. Turner, in defrauding the pension agency, had been a dupe in all kinds the case, had already suffered six months imprisonment, and therefore he would move for a nolle prosequi. She was discarged by proclamation of the Court.

We are informed by our hunters in this State, that persons from York State are in the habit of coming here arrogating to themselves the same rights and privileges in the country, and killing off deer that belong exclusively to Pennsylvanians. They kill and carry away by the wagon and sleigh loads when our laws do not apply to them at all. In the future they will be watched and prosecuted, if found violating the laws. A word to in resspectfully solicited. On Saturday, December 19th, 1871, the wise, etc. - Warren Ledger.

-The following is a summary of the Courier's oil report for the month of

December, 1871: Total stock January 1st, 1872, 568,-858 barrels; increase in total stock, 56,326 barrels; daily average production, 16:531 barrels; decrease in daily aver ge, 331 barrels; number of wells being drilled, 338.

-The Petroleum Producers' Report is as follows:

Daily production for the month of December, 1871, 15,418 borrels; daily production for the month of November, 1871, 15,487 barrels; stock at for the month, 360,758 barrels; num-

-After an absence of several weeks the Elk Co. R. R. and Mining Gazette comes to us, with the name of G. C. Brandon at the masthead. From it we clip the following items:

It is rumored that work is to commence on the Elk and M'Keam railabout 23 years of age. Another sad warning to those who bandle fire arms. and the company will push that enterprise to a rapid completion.

D. C. White was arrested on the charge of murder on Tuesday last and brought to Ridgway, where he had a and fatal accident occurred in Rome township, in this county, to a man amed Troilus Crosby. The unfortu sufficient to commit him for trial for the crime of murder.

> -The two following items are from the Pet. Centre Record, of the 11th;

The large engine house at the Walker wells, Central Petroleum Co.'s farm, caught fire about eight o'clock last night, and was totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at between \$300 and \$400. The machinery was considerably damaged.

Constable Walters and Deputy Mc Hugh made a grand raid on the unlicensed liquor dealers and keepers of houses, this forenoon, and ar rested Madame Blue, Cheyenne Jim, Mickey Mike, and several others, who are wanted at Franklin to answer various charges. Several of "the boys had been "tipped the wisk" beforehand, and "vamoused the ranch" before any arrests had been made.

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